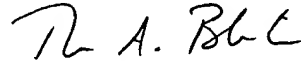


Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed December 8, 2000, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--4. (Amended) The EL device according to claim 2, wherein said first electrode contains one or two or more [or] of Ni, Ag, Au, Pd, Pt, Cu, Ni, W, Fe, and Co or any one of Ag-Pd, Ni-Mn, Ni-Cr, Ni-Cr, Ni-Co and Ni-Al alloys.--

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